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December 14, 1988

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE 1989 GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Legislative Research Commission herewith submits to you for your consideration its final report on the Modern Family. The report was prepared by the Legislative Research Commission's Committee on the Modern Family pursuant to Part II, Section 2.1(9) of Chapter 873 of the 1987 Session Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

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J. J. (Monk) Harrington

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Legislative Research Commission

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PREFACE

The Legislative Research Commission, established by Article 6B of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes, is a general purpose study group. The Commission is co chaired by the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and has five additional members appointed from each house of the General Assembly. Among the Commission's duties is that of making or causing to be made, upon the direction of the General Assembly, "such studies of and investigations into governmental agencies and institutions and matters of public policy as will aid the General Assembly in performing its duties in the most efficient and effective manner" (G.S. 120-30.17(1)).

At the direction of the 1987 General Assembly, the Legislative Research Commission has undertaken studies of numerous subjects. These studies were grouped into broad categories and each member of the Commission was given responsibility for one category of study. The Co chairs of the Legislative Research Commission, under the authority of G.S. 120 30.10(b) and (c), appointed committees consisting of members of the General Assembly and the public to conduct the studies. Co chairs, one from each house of the General Assembly, were designated for each committee.

The study of the Modern Family was authorized by Part II, Section 2.1(9) of Chapter 873 of the 1987 Session Laws (1987 Session). That act states that the Commission may consider House Joint Resolution 964 in determining the nature, scope and aspects of the study. Section 1 of House Joint Resolution 964 reads in part: "The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study the whole issue of the modern family, which study may include an analysis of the economic, moral, and physical stresses on the modern family and a consideration of those vital family needs that require public acknowledgement and support in order to ensure the modern family's healthy survival." The relevant portions of Chapter 873 and House Joint Resolution

964 are included in Appendix C. The Legislative Research Commission grouped this study in its State Personnel and Modern Family area under the direction of Representative Aaron Fussell. The Committee was chaired by Senator Helen R. Marvin and Representative Annie B. Kennedy. The full membership of the Committee is listed in Appendix A of this report. A committee notebook containing the committee minutes and all information presented to the committee is filed in the Legislative Library.

COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

The Study Committee on the Modern Family met four times. Two meetings were held before the 1988 Legislative Short Session, and two meetings were held after that Session.

FIRST MEETING

The first meeting of the Committee was held on November 2, 1987. Staff presented to the Committee a list of bills ratified by the 1987 General Assembly which had a direct impact on families and a list of bills eligible for consideration in the 1988 General Assembly. The committee discussed all the bills.

The Committee was given a presentation by Dr. Kay Michael Troost, Associate Professor of Family and Social Psychology at North Carolina State University and President elect of the North Carolina Family Life Council, on the state of the family in modern society. Dr. Troost included in his comments the statement that family life is not in a crisis, but is in a state of adjustment and that government can help those families whose family life has faltered. He suggested several areas of specific problems including divorce and the encouragement of contact between the noncustodial parent and his or her child, coping with AIDS, assisting rural families with stress resulting from economic change, child care, home schooling, and long term and home care for the elderly. Dr. Troost's definition of the family included both a technical and a functional definition. The technical definition was "a small kinship-structured unit with the key function of nurturant socialization." His functional definition included a cohabiting couple who conceive a child and raise that child out of wedlock.

The committee discussed different areas regarding the modern family and requested information from a variety of interests and areas.

SECOND MEETING

At the second meeting of the Committee on January 20, 1988, the Committee received information from Ms. Joan Holland, Chief of Family Services Section, Department of Human Resources. Ms. Holland addressed the Committee on the State's responsibilities in child abuse and neglect cases. The Family Services Section of DHR gives direction, oversight, support, consultation, guidance, technical assistance, training, and some minor funding to the county departments of social service to carry out the State's function for the protection of children. Ms. Holland emphasized the need for preventive measures in child abuse cases including prevention of further maltreatment, and prevention of further disruption and dysfunction of the family. She informed the Committee of the existence of

the In Services Program funded with State, County and Federal funds that require the following programs be available: child day care, homemaker services, foster care for children and adults, health support services, individual and family adjustment, chore services, and adult protective services.

Ms. Francine Ewing, Manager of the State Data Center, Office of State Budget and Management, explained the demographic profile of the family in North Carolina which had been compiled by her department at the request of the Committee.

The Committee then heard from Dr. Hyman Rodman, Excellence Foundation Professor of Child Development and Family Relations, and Director of the Family Research Center, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Dr. Rodman's major point was that family policy as a general idea was problematic. He suggested the Committee focus on clear and specific problems and long-term efforts of family policy such as child abuse, enforcement of child support, abortion, birth control, child care, latch key children, and homeless persons. Dr. Rodman also outlined several programs being addressed by other states including equity in housing for elderly persons, tax breaks for employers who provide child care, parenting education for new parents, and after school care programs.

THIRD MEETING

The third meeting of the Committee was held on October 3, 1988. Dr. Barbara K. Phillips, Assistant to the Superintendent, Winston Salem/Forsyth County School System, addressed the Committee. She outlined the idea that the American family has had a change in its value system because of varying pressures from economic, occupational, educational, religious, legal responsibility, and health care sources. She suggested the need for an increase in education, preventive efforts, and "intervention" programs. Dr. Phillips stressed the need for some advocacy role for parents in the schools, especially due to the existence of children between the ages of ten and eighteen who have children in school.

The Committee discussed confrontation problems in the schools and the idea of getting elders and grandparents involved in schools.

Melinda Lassiter, Consultant, Home Economics Education, Department of Public Instruction, addressed the Committee. She outlined the home economics curriculum currently being offered to students in North Carolina schools. The courses are as follows: Exploring Home Economics; Teen Living; Independent Living; Parenting and Child Development; Clothes and Textiles; Foods and Nutrition; and Housing and Interior Design. Ms. Lassiter stated that approximately one in five students enroll in the home economics courses and only 20 to 22 percent of those are males. The Committee discussed their concerns about the number of students being reached and actual parenting education which is in existence.

George Shackelford, Chief Consultant, Healthful Living Curriculum, Health Education, Department of Public Instruction, outlined for the Committee the health education curriculum currently being provided in the

schools. He stressed that health is the basic foundation for creating productive citizens. He stated that he would like to see health education required beyond the current one year requirement for grades 9 - 12, especially for eleventh and twelfth grades. He outlined the Comprehensive Health Education curriculum. Mr. Shackelford stated that educators' goals were to change the attitude and behavior of children. He stressed the need for health courses to be taught only by certified health educators. There are currently forty nine (49) certified health educators serving sixty-six (66) North Carolina school systems. The goal of the Department of Public Instruction is one hundred certified health educators to serve the one hundred North Carolina counties. There was a discussion by the Committee regarding the Basic Education Plan and other committees' plans and proposals.

The Committee then heard from Dr. Thomas Danek, Administrator, Juvenile Services Division, Administrative Office of the Courts. Dr. Danek told the Committee members that he thought the family is changing, but not deteriorating. The modern family is no longer the nuclear family. Family members suffer more isolated stresses. He told the committee how the juvenile court system treats "undisciplined" and "delinquent" children differently. He asked the Committee to consider emphasis on the following: 1) create day care emphasis as the early formative years (ages 0 - 3 years) are most important; 2) offer well prepared courses on parenting; and 3) support a screening process to reduce early school failure. The Committee discussed considering as an option recommending the change of the juvenile status age from 16 years to 18 years for undisciplined children, but with strict controls maintained.

FOURTH MEETING

The fourth and final meeting of the Modern Family Committee was held November 9, 1988. A discussion was held of recommendations proposed by various members of the Committee. The Committee approved the proposed final report as the Final Report to the Legislative Research Commission. The Committee approved recommendations, including two Legislative Proposals, to the Legislative Research Commission and the 1989 Session of the General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation No. 1

The Committee recommends that the State Board of Education encourage local school systems to involve parents more meaningfully in the advocacy of the education of their children, and to train school personnel to work with families by such means as development of model or pilot programs that could be used by local school systems. The Committee further recommends that the State Board of Education be requested to report back to the North Carolina General Assembly no later than April of 1990 regarding the progress it has made in implementing this recommendation.

Recommendation No. 2

The Committee recommends the the State Board of Education review its minimum graduation requirements to consider the designation of one of the nine currently designated electives as a required course and for that required course to provide specific instructions in parenting skills.

Recommendation No. 3

The Committee recommends endorsement of an increase in funding of the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program implemented by the North Carolina Department of Justice and the State Board of Education.

Recommendation No. 4

The Committee recommends that legislation be introduced to establish an ongoing study commission to study the needs of the family, issues relating to the family, and review legislation introduced to see how it would impact on families in North Carolina. To this end, the Committee recommends the enactment of Legislative Proposal I:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STUDY COMMISSION ON THE FAMILY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is created the Commission on the Family.

Sec. 2. It is the expressed intent of this Act to make a study of issues impacting upon the family a priority of this State and to establish the Commission on the Family as a means to this end.

Sec. 3. The Commission shall study State government policy and programs affecting the family, specifically dealing with family issues from the point of existing laws, governmental programs needed or already functioning, and current family life issues. The Commission shall work in close collaboration with various agencies and programs dealing with the

family. Among the issues the Commission should consider studying are the following:

(1) The feasibility of establishing model projects that would be located primarily in low-income, high drop-out rate communities in North Carolina: (a) to teach parents to read; and (b) to provide after-school care for school-aged children; using volunteers who could be retirees in the provision of services;.

(2) The fiscal impact of a cash stipend created by a tax deduction or by industry dollars to promote literacy or the obtainment of a General Education Development degree for persons who are presently illiterate or outside the school system;

(3) The needs for day care for children and senior citizens, an increase in Aid to Families with Dependent Children payments and eligibility requirements, coordination of state law with federal welfare reform programs, in-home services for the elderly, additional funding for adult day care, and incentives for industries to develop day care programs; and

(4) The relationship between the decline of real income and the tax structure, college tax credits, the minimum wage, and welfare support systems.

Sec. 4. The Commission shall consists of 12 members, as follows:

(1) The Secretary of Human Resources or his designee;

(2) The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his designee;

(3) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(4) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

(5) Two members at large appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(6) Two members at large appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

(7) Two members at large appointed by the Governor.

Sec. 5. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointments. All initial appointments shall be made within one calendar month from the effective date of this act.

Sec. 6. The Commission shall have its initial meeting no later than October 1, 1989, at the call of the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore shall each appoint a cochairman from the membership of the Commission. The membership shall meet upon the call of the cochairmen.

Sec. 7. The Commission members shall receive no salary for serving but shall receive necessary subsistence and travel expenses in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, and 138-6 as applicable.

Sec. 8. The Commission may hold public meetings across the State to solicit public input with respect to the issues of the family.

Sec. 9. The Commission shall have authority to obtain information and data from all State officers, agents, agencies, and departments while in the discharge of its duties, pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 120-19 as if it were a committee of the General Assembly. The Commission shall have the authority to call witnesses, compel testimony relevant to any matter properly before the Commission, and subpoena relevant records and documents. The provisions of G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4 shall apply to the proceedings of the Commission as if it were a joint committee of the General Assembly. In addition to the other signatures required for the issuance of a subpoena under this section, the subpoena shall also be

signed by the cochairmen of the Commission. Any cost of providing information to the Commission not covered by G.S. 120-19.3 may be reimbursed by the Commission from funds appropriated by this act for the Commission's study.

Sec. 10. The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor no later than February 1 of each odd numbered year.

Sec. 11. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Services Commission the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) for the 1989-1990 fiscal year to fund the study authorized by this Part.

Sec. 12. At the request of the Commission the Legislative Services Commission may supply members of the staff of the Legislative Services Office and clerical assistance to the Commission as it deems appropriate.

Sec. 13. The Commission may, with the approval of the Legislative Services Commission, meet in the State Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

Sec. 14. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.

Recommendation No. 5

The Committee recommends that the North Carolina General Assembly encourage statewide educational efforts by those volunteer organizations such as the North Carolina Family Life Council that include emphasis on promotional efforts focusing on strengthening the family especially in the areas of Marital Communications, Parent/Child Relationships, Discipline in the Family, and Financial/Legal Advice for the Family.

Recommendation No. 6

The Committee recommends legislation be introduced to appropriate funds for the elderly caregiver assistance project. To this end, the Committee recommends the enactment of Legislative Proposal II:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CAREGIVER SUPPORT TRAINING FOR THE ELDERLY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, there is a steadily increasing number of elderly citizens residing in their homes with the help of family caregivers, volunteer adult sitters and volunteer information providers; and

Whereas, with the help of these caregivers, elderly citizens are able to prevent or postpone institutionalization; and

Whereas, there is a need for training of these caregivers to teach them to properly care for their family member, friend or neighbor; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture Extension Service, Home Economics Department, has begun a program entitled "Planning Ahead for Elder Care" to train these caregivers; Now, therefore, The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina for the Planning Ahead for Elder Care program of the Agricultural Extension Service at North Carolina State University the sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) for the

1989 1990 fiscal year and the sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) for the 1990 1991 fiscal year to continue, with the cooperation of the North Carolina Aging Network, the development and expansion of the statewide training of caregivers, volunteer adult sitters and volunteer information providers for the elderly.

Section 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.

APPENDIX A

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APPENDIX B

SPEAKERS

November 2, 1987 Meeting

Dr. Kay Michael Troost
Associate Professor of Family Sociology
N. C. State University

January 20, 1988 Meeting

Joan Holland
Chief, Family Services Section
Department of Human Resources

Francine Ewing
Manager, State Data Center
Office of State Budget and Management

Dr. Hyman Rodman
Excellence Foundation Professor of
Child Development and Family Relations
Director, Family Research Center
University of North Carolina

October 3, 1988 Meeting

Dr. Barbara K. Phillips
Assistant to Superintendent of Winston Salem/Forsyth
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Melinda Lassiter
Consultant, Home Economics Education
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George Shackelford
Chief Consultant, Health Education
Department of Public Instruction

Dr. Thomas Danek
Administrator, Juvenile Services Division
Administrative Office of the Courts

November 9, 1988 Meeting

Dr. Leo Hawkins
Human Development Specialist, Home Economics Department
Cooperative Extension Service/North Carolina State University

APPENDIX C

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1987 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

CHAPTER 873
HOUSE BILL 1

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE STUDIES BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION, TO CREATE AND CONTINUE VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND TO AMEND STATUTORY LAW.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

PART I. TITLE

Section 1. This act shall be known as "The Study Commissions and Committees Act of 1987."

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PART II. LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION

Sec. 2.1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the topics listed below. Listed with each topic is the 1987 bill or resolution that originally proposed the issue or study and the name of the sponsor. The Commission may consider the original bill or resolution in determining the nature, scope and aspects of the study. The topics are:

(9) Modern Family (H.J.R. 964 Perdue).

Sec. 2.6. Reporting Dates. For each of the topics the Legislative Research Commission decides to study under this act or pursuant to G.S. 120-30.17(1), the Commission may report its findings, together with any recommended legislation to the 1989 General Assembly.

Sec. 2.7. Bills and Resolution References. The listing of the original bill or resolution in this Part is for reference purposes only and shall not be deemed to have incorporated by reference any of the substantive provisions contained in the original bill or resolution.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

Sec. 31. This act is effective on July 1, 1987.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 964

Sponsors: Representatives Perdue, Wiser (co sponsors); Anderson, Beall, Beard, Blue, Bowman, Brannan, B. Brown, Chapin, Church, Colton, Dawkins, Easterling, Fitch, Foster, Freeman, Fussell, Hall, Holroyd, Holt, Judy Hunt, Jones, Kennedy, Kerr, Locks, McLaughlin, Rhodes, Rogers, Stamey, R. Thompson, Warner, E. Warren, Wilmoth, Woodard.

Referred to: Rules and Operation of the House.

April 27, 1987

A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF THE MODERN FAMILY.

Whereas, the family is the fundamental institution of society, the source of its members, the major motivation for its productivity, and the primary source of its teaching of language, morality, and values; and

Whereas, all problems that are associated with the family have grave social, educational, and economic ramifications for society; and

Whereas, the modern family in North Carolina has been drastically affected by the change in the work patterns forced by economic need from the traditional two parent family, with one parent working and one at home, to two parent families with both working and, increasingly, to one parent families headed by a female and barely surviving economically; and

Whereas, the increasing migration of families has resulted in the demise of the support of the extended family that once was available to assist in child care, and in the care of elderly and infirm members; and

Whereas, these modern stresses have resulted in a general deterioration of the family, as evidenced by the increasing problems of substance abuse, domestic violence, and child abuse; and

Whereas, the General Assembly of North Carolina has enacted many pieces of legislation that affect the family; and

Whereas, the impact of all the legislation that affects the family is at present ill-understood; and

Whereas, in order to shore up the family and to provide vital public help and support for the family, it is necessary to examine both existing laws affecting the modern family and proposed ways to help the family in the future;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to study the whole issue of the modern family, which study may include an analysis of the economic, moral, and physical stresses on the modern family and a consideration of those vital family needs that require public acknowledgement and support in order to ensure the modern family's healthy survival. The study may also include an examination of current laws affecting the family to determine if these laws need changing and if new laws and family-support programs should be proposed, to foster the modern family and to help it to continue to function as the fundamental institution in society.

Sec. 2. The Legislative Research Commission is authorized to make an interim report, including any recommendations, to the 1987 General Assembly, Regular Session 1988, and a final report to the 1989 General Assembly.

Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1989

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Senate/House, Draft No. 1, RE
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Short Title: Family Study Commission. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STUDY COMMISSION ON THE FAMILY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is created the Commission on the Family.

Sec. 2. It is the expressed intent of this Act to make a study of issues impacting upon the family a priority of this State and to establish the Commission on the Family as a means to this end.

Sec. 3. The Commission shall study State government policy and programs affecting the family, specifically addressing family issues from the point of existing laws, governmental programs needed or already functioning, and current family life issues. The Commission shall work in close collaboration with various agencies and programs dealing with the family. Among the issues the Commission should consider studying are the following:

(1) The feasibility of establishing model projects that would be located primarily in low-income, high drop-out rate communities in North Carolina: (a) to teach parents to read; and

(b) to provide after school care for school-aged children; using volunteers who could be retirees in the provision of services;

(2) The fiscal impact of a cash stipend created by a tax deduction or by industry dollars to promote literacy or the obtainment of a General Education Development degree for persons who are presently illiterate or outside the school system;

(3) The needs for day care for children and senior citizens, an increase in Aid to Families with Dependent Children payments and eligibility requirements, coordination of state law with federal welfare reform programs, in-home services for the elderly, additional funding for adult day care, and incentives for industries to develop day care programs; and

(4) The relationship between the decline of real income and the tax structure, college tax credits, the minimum wage, and welfare support systems.

Sec. 4. The Commission shall consists of 12 members, as follows:

(1) The Secretary of Human Resources or his designee;

(2) The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his designee;

(3) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(4) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

(5) Two members at large appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(6) Two members at large appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

(7) Two members at large appointed by the Governor.

Sec. 5. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointments. All initial appointments shall be made within one calendar month from the effective date of this act.

Sec. 6. The Commission shall have its initial meeting no later than October 1, 1989, at the call of the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The Speaker

of the House and the President Pro Tempore shall each appoint a cochairman from the membership of the Commission. The membership shall meet upon the call of the cochairmen.

Sec. 7. The Commission members shall receive no salary for serving but shall receive necessary subsistence and travel expenses in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 120-3.1, 138.5, and 138-6 as applicable.

Sec. 8. The Commission may hold public meetings across the State to solicit public input with respect to the issues of the family.

Sec. 9. The Commission shall have authority to obtain information and data from all State officers, agents, agencies, and departments while in the discharge of its duties, pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 120-19 as if it were a committee of the General Assembly. The Commission shall have the authority to call witnesses, compel testimony relevant to any matter properly before the Commission, and subpoena relevant records and documents. The provisions of G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4 shall apply to the proceedings of the Commission as if it were a joint committee of the General Assembly. In addition to the other signatures required for the issuance of a subpoena under this section, the subpoena shall also be signed by the cochairmen of the Commission. Any cost of providing information to the Commission not covered by G.S. 120-19.3 may be reimbursed by the Commission from funds appropriated by this act for the Commission's study.

Sec. 10. The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor no later than February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

Sec. 11. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Services Commission the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) for the 1989-1990 fiscal year to fund the study authorized by this Part.

Sec. 12. At the request of the Commission the Legislative Services Commission may supply members of the staff

of the Legislative Services Office and clerical assistance to the Commission as it deems appropriate.

Sec. 13. The Commission may, with the approval of the Legislative Services Commission, meet in the State Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

Sec. 14. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1989

D

DRAFT NUMBER 1, RE
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Short Title: Caregiver Training Funds. (PUBLIC)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR TRAINING FOR CAREGIVER SUPPORT FOR THE ELDERLY.

Whereas, there is a steadily increasing number of elderly citizens residing in their homes with the help of family caregivers, volunteer adult sitters, and volunteer information providers; and

Whereas, with the help of these caregivers, elderly citizens are able to prevent or postpone institutionalization; and

Whereas, there is a need for training of these caregivers to teach them to properly care for their family member, friend or neighbor; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, Home Economics Department, has begun a program entitled "Planning Ahead for Elder Care" to train these caregivers; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina for the Planning Ahead for Elder Care program of the Agricultural Extension Service at North Carolina State University the sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) for the 1989-1990 fiscal year and the sum of fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) for the 1990-1991 fiscal year to continue, with the cooperation of the North Carolina Aging Network, the development and expansion of the statewide training of caregivers, volunteer adult sitters, and volunteer information providers for the elderly.

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.